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### BANGLADESH RHESUS MONKEY NOT ELIGIBLE FOR LISTING UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The Bangladesh population of the rhesus macaque monkey has been withdrawn from further consideration as a candidate for listing as endangered or threatened, according to a notice in the March 6, 1979, Federal Register.

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initiated a review of the status of the Bangladesh rhesus macaque on April 13, 1978, in response to a petition submitted by Dr. K. M. Green of the National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C. The Endangered Species Act enables citizens to petition the Government to propose species for addition to or deletion from the endangered or threatened list.

Based on an evaluation of the supporting data submitted by the petitioner and data and comments from other interested parties, the Service has determined that the Bangladesh rhesus monkey does not qualify as a candidate for listing at this time.

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